

**17.131 Kentucky Unified Criminal Justice Information System -- Committee to design and implement system -- Uniform policy -- Duties -- Denial of funds upon failure of agency or officer to participate in system.**

- (1) There is hereby established the Kentucky Unified Criminal Justice Information System, referred to in this chapter as the "system." The system shall be a joint effort of the criminal justice agencies and the courts. Notwithstanding any statutes, administrative regulations, and policies to the contrary, if standards and technologies other than those set by the Commonwealth Office of Technology are required, the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology shall review, expedite, and grant appropriate exemptions to effectuate the purposes of the unified criminal justice information system. Nothing in this section shall be construed to hamper any public officer or official, agency, or organization of state or local government from furnishing information or data that they are required or requested to furnish and which they are allowed to procure by law, to the General Assembly, the Legislative Research Commission, or a committee of either. For the purposes of this section, "criminal justice agencies" include all departments of the Justice Cabinet, the Unified Prosecutorial System, Commonwealth's attorneys, county attorneys, the Transportation Cabinet, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and any agency with the authority to issue a citation or make an arrest.
- (2) The program to design, implement, and maintain the system shall be under the supervision of the Uniform Criminal Justice Information System Committee of the Criminal Justice Council. The membership of this committee shall be determined by the council, upon the recommendation of the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology, who shall chair the committee.
- (3) The committee shall be responsible for recommending standards, policies, and other matters to the secretary of justice for promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement the policies, standards, and other matters relating to the system and its operation.
- (4) The committee shall submit recommendations to the Criminal Justice Council and the secretary of justice for administrative regulations to implement the uniform policy required to operate the system. The committee shall implement the uniform policy.
- (5) The uniform policy shall include a system to enable the criminal justice agencies and the courts to share data stored in each other's information systems. Initially, the uniform policy shall maximize the use of existing databases and platforms through the use of a virtual database created by network linking of existing databases and platforms among the various departments. The uniform policy shall also develop plans for the new open system platforms before the existing platforms become obsolete.
- (6) The committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Criminal Justice Council and the secretary of justice any necessary changes in administrative regulations necessary to implement the system. The committee shall also recommend to the Criminal Justice Council, the Chief Justice, and the secretary of justice recommendations for statutory additions or changes necessary to implement

and maintain the system. The secretary shall be responsible for reporting approved statutory recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Legislative Research Commission, and appropriate committees of the General Assembly.

- (7) The chair of the committee shall report annually to the Criminal Justice Council on the status of the system.
- (8) All criminal justice agencies shall follow the policies established by administrative regulation for the exchange of data and connection to the system.
- (9) The committee shall review how changes to existing criminal justice agency applications impact the new integrated network. Changes to criminal justice agency applications that have an impact on the integrated network shall be coordinated through and approved by the committee.
- (10) Any future state-funded expenditures by a criminal justice agency for computer platforms in support of criminal justice applications shall be reviewed by the committee.
- (11) Any criminal justice agency or officer that does not participate in the criminal justice information system may be denied access to state and federal grant funds.

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